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IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 8, 9, 13-20, 22 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as set forth below.

B² 1. (Amended) A method for enhancing arteriogenesis and/or the growth of collateral arteries and/or other arteries from preexisting arteriolar connections comprising contacting an organ, tissue or cells with transforming growth factor beta 1 (TGFβ1), wherein said TGFβ1 is a polypeptide.

REMARKS

With the cancellation of claims 8, 9, 13-20, 22 and 23, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 10-12 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to remove non-elected subject matter in further response to the restriction requirement.

Specification Objection

The specification was objected to for containing hyperlinks and/or other web browser-executable codes (page 16, specification). Applicants have removed the hyperlinks and other web browser-executable codes from page 16. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.